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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN BILATERALS ON ME/AFRICA

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1. AF AND NEA LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO PARTICIPATION
IN BILATERALS IN TOKYO THIS YEAR. LAST HALF OF APRIL
THROUGH EARLY MAY, HOWEVER, IS DIFFICULT TIME TO COORDI-
NATE BOTH BUREAUS' PARTICIPATION. THEREFORE WE OPT FOR
JULY.

2. WE ARE UNABLE AT THIS EARLY POINT TO IDENTIFY PRE-
CISELY MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION, BUT ARE HOPEFUL THAT
ASST. SECRETARY SCHAUFLE WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING TOPICS JAPANESE WOULD LIKE
TO DISCUSS. FOR OUR PART WE ARE INTERESTED IN JAPANESE
ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN REGIONS,
INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR JAPANESE ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ, SAUDI
ARABIA, IRAN, NIGERIA, ZAIRE, AND SOUTH AFRICA. WE ALSO
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WISH TO COVER SECURITY SITUATION IN INDIAN OCEAN, WITH

FOCUS ON EAST AFRICAN LITTORAL.

4. WE WOULD PREFER, AS IN PAST, THAT CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE GROUP AF AND NEA TOPICS SEPARATELY. OUR
EXPERIENCE IS THAT THIS PROVIDES FOR MORE CONCISE DIS-
CUSSION OF ISSUES. INGERSOLL

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